

this high risk pregnancy program with the concept of a Medicaid option. And at the conclusion of that evaluation the administration and other parties involved with this issue have concluded that we are best served in this state by going with the Medicaid option. By going with the Medicaid option, one of the handouts I have passed around, you will serve many more people instead of about 100 or so. Under 229, you will serve a thousand women and a thousand infants and that will go up to a thousand women and 2,000 children, as well as infants, in time. You also bring in to match the general funds, federal funds, so you get some federal monies as well as the general funds to be able to better serve these high-risk, or pregnant women. As you know, we've discussed before, prenatal care saves money. The handout also goes through the cost savings involved. The administration has already agreed to implement this program. This amendment would set it in statute and ensure its implementation. So, with that, I don't know if there is any questions, but I move the amendment which, if you want to look at LB 1011, is what we are amending into LB 229.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, you're voting on the Wesely-Johnson amendment to 229. Senator Smith, I'm sorry, your light just came on. Would you care to discuss the motion?

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Is it too late for us to ask a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Wesely, would you give me further clarification on what LB 1011, you said, is?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah. Okay...

SENATOR SMITH: I know you did, evidently, but I...it must have drifted through my ears, I don't know.

SENATOR WESELY: No problem. One of the handouts I have goes through the different comparisons.

SENATOR SMITH: Which handout?

SENATOR WESELY: It's the handout that says LB 229 at the top.